

Westside Association Meeting Minutes

September 3-2009

Meeting called to order by President Connie Drexler @12:00

Approval of August minutes- moved and 2nd/passed

Treasurer's Report

- Balance of \$6499.44
- 47 paid members
- received \$175.00 in dues

Chamber Report:

- Trip to China-
 - Doing business in China
 - 9 day trip Spring of 2010
 - Information session Sept 16 @ Hilton Garden 5PM
- Sept 30 is end of fiscal year for Chamber
- Jim Macy is incoming Chairman
- Oct 8- Operation Thank You
- Nov 9- annual Meeting
- 2nd phase of Vision Oshkosh- branding phrase

Director's Meeting:

- Survey project
 - Met with CCP- Professor at UWO will take on the project
- Grand Opera House
 - Majority of members in favor of a donation
 - Exec committee will discuss and bring it back to the membership in Oct.

Guest Speaker: Congressman Tom Petri

- 30 years in Congress
- serves on Transportation Committee
 - finally seeing more money coming back to state than paying in
- serves on Aviation Committee
- Health Care
 - Concern for Senior Citizens
 - Wisconsin has good healthcare
 - National plans will have a negative impact on some of WI programs
 - Large companies could drop their coverage and pay 8% of payroll (most now average 12%-15%)
 - Individuals could pay 25-2.5% of their wage(on \$40,000 - \$1000.00) they would drop insurance and take this option- would create problems
 - Even it passes- would be several years before it would take effect
 - 66%-85% against the plan at town meetings
- Social Security
 - Government has been using it as a stream of revenue
 - Looking for new stream of revenue
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Meeting adjourned at 1PM